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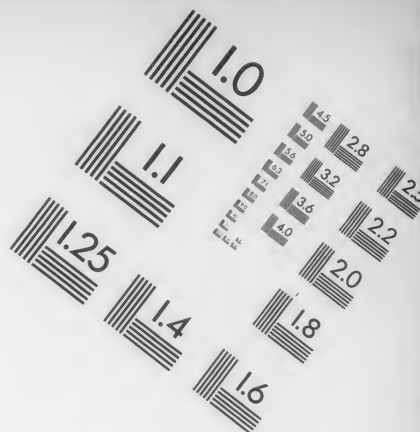
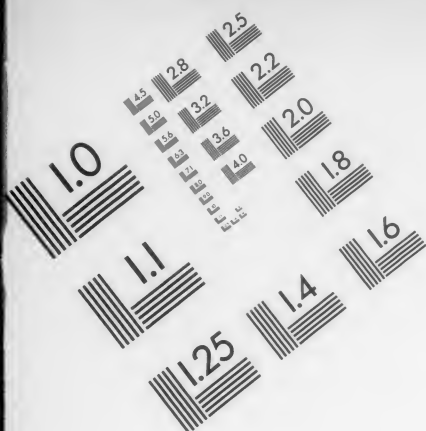
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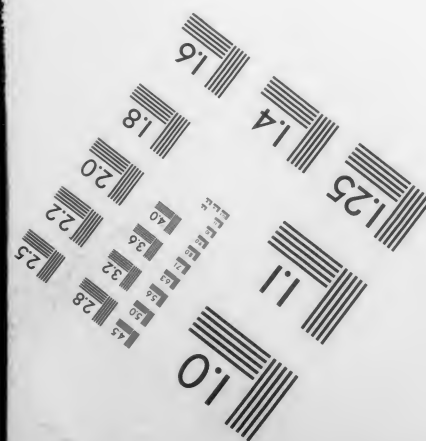
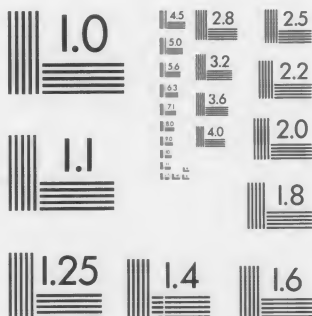
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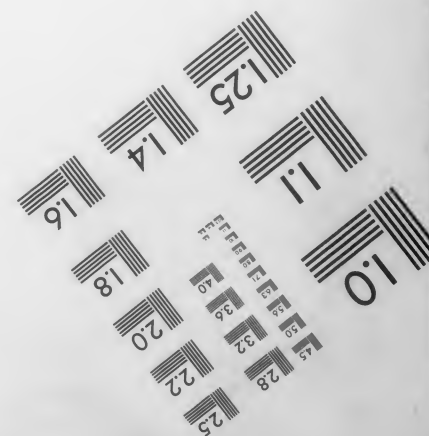
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ON THE

RIGHTS OF ANIMALS

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"I have long contended that if we are to improve at all it will be mainly by way of the recognition of rights, not only the rights of men, women, and children, but also the rights of those poor relations of ours whom we call animals, and to whom we owe so much of our enjoyment of life, so much of our well-being, so much of our prosperity, and but for whose cheerful and willing aid the business of the world could not be carried on? It is true, and much to be regretted, that we are compelled to kill animals for food, and also in self-defence, but we are bound in all honour and by every law to make such killing as swift and painless as possible, and nothing, absolutely nothing, can justify deliberate, cold-blooded, and prolonged torture of any of them. It is pretended that animals are not tortured, and that vivisection is not cruel. I protest that they are tortured and that vivisection is cruel—cruel beyond conception to the wretched, mangled, tortured victims, whose pangs might move the devil himself to compassion, cruel to the men and women whose peace of mind is destroyed, and whose faith in God is shaken, by knowing that such things are going on unchecked around them, and cruel to the young candidates for a noble profession, who are taught that the portals of scientific medicine are, like the gates of hell, the avenue to every species of cruelty and abomination the mind of man can conceive. When I was a student in Paris they used to perform 64 operations on the same living horse. It does not seem possible, but it was accomplished by relays of students eight at a time, who operated on seven horses every week, from six in the morning till about the same time at night. The tail was docked off in segments,

the eyes excised, the ears amputated, the bladder cut open, the arteries tied, the nerves excised, and every inch of the body fired.

"A little chestnut mare, worn out in the service of man, had unfortunately survived the numerous tortures of the day and no longer resembled any creature of this earth. Her thighs were cut open, the skin torn away, ploughed through with hot irons, harrowed with dozens of setons, the sinews cut through, the hoofs torn off, and the eyes pierced; in this blind and powerless condition the miserable creature was placed amid laughter upon its bleeding feet to show those present who were operating on seven other horses what human skill could do before death would release their victim. No anæsthetics were used. I was horrified, but was told it was necessary. 'So spake the fiend, and with necessity, the tyrant's plea, excused his devilish deeds.'"

C. BELL TAYLOR.

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